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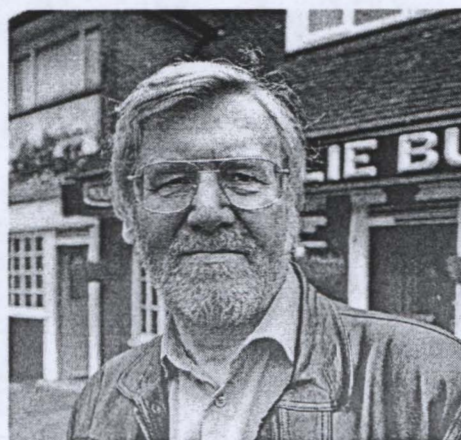
Great new donations from Hilary Evans, John Rimmer, the 'Fortean Times' editors, and others

Along with several domestic Swedish donations AFU has also secured a number of great international donations in 2004. By exchange with *Rod B. Dyke*, who manages the American counterpart *Archives for UFO Research*, we received 60 kilos (or 659 items), which are 100 % new acquisitions, mainly American-published magazines, such as the *UFO Newsclipping Service* (once founded by Rod) and originals and copies of the *Fortean Society's* magazine *Doubt*, published by *Tiffany Thayer*. The boxes also included many early issues of *Fate Magazine*, including the very first (and costly) issue from 1948.

Clas Svahn, *Mikael Sjöberg* and *Anders Persson* from UFO-Sweden travelled to the UK in November to get another carload of materials for AFU. The (continued) delivery from *Hilary Evans* & his *Mary Evans Picture Library* (MEPL) included another huge batch of magazines and books. Among many other fantastic items: a complete bound collection of volumes 1-12 of the US *UFO Magazine* (edited by *Vicky Cooper*), a huge box of *Loren Gross's* publications (UFO's: a history), and 1000's of photo originals not needed at MEPL (because of their digitalization) and many, many other things from countries near and afar, so neatly plugging many holes in the AFU collection.

The UFO-Sweden gang also visited *Magonia* editor *John Rimmer*, where they secured another large collection of UFO-related magazines, such as *Zetetic Scholar*, *Inforespace*, *Phenomenes Spatiaux*, *Clypeus*, *The Skeptic*, *Strange Daze*, *Specula*, *Data-Net* (bound early volumes), *Artifex* and, of course the *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* and *Magonia*. The Evans, Rimmer and Dyke magazine collections have all been sorted and added to our database, ready for updating

our website during 2005. Please look there for further details!



John Rimmer

While in the UK, Clas and his colleagues also met *Paul Sieveking* and *Bob Rickard*, editors supreme of the *Fortean Times*. By some unfortunate happenstance AFU had, recently, not managed to renew our FT subscription (active since the mag once was called *The News*), but a sizeable heap of recent FT magazines and FT-published books, donated by the editors, will now complete our collection here.

The most recent donation came from AFU board member *Håkan Blomqvist* in January 2005. He has donated five 'banana boxes' full of UFO-related materials, including at least one meter of new books and pamphlets that will make nice additions to our library.

215 news stories in 2004

The Swedish news media printed 215 articles relating to UFOs during 2004. This according to the statistical report received from *Observer*, AFU's provider of Swedish clippings. The number of articles decreased from 259 in 2003 but increased slightly from the all-time-low in 2002: just 208 articles.

The most active newspapers were *Nordvästra Skånes Tidningar* (12 articles), *Dagens Nyheter* (11), *Helsingborgs Dagblad* (11) and *Värmlands Folkblad* (9). The high numbers for these papers are explained by UFO-Sweden chairman *Clas*

Svahn contributing regular UFO & mystery columns in *Dagens Nyheter*, the UFO-Sweden field investigation summer project written about by *Värmlands Folkblad* and the death of south-Swedish UFO experiencer Gösta "the Pollen King" Carlsson (*Nordvästra* and *Helsingborgs Dagblad* are both local papers in the area where he lived.).

Observer also offers continuous monitoring of radio, TV & internet media but AFU does not have the resources for such a subscription.

Contactee Wayne Aho and the Oct. 1965 Swedish "sky train"

On Friday the 29th of October, 1965, thousands of Swedes watched a glowing object as it moved across the evening sky, from the south to the north. Many likened it to "bus with windows", or a train. The editor-in-chief of Dagens Nyheter (a major Swedish newspaper) described the object as having "sailed on with a majestic calm".

By Clas Svahn

Translation by Stefan Isaksson

Several employees of the weather bureau, who were out gathering their nightly report at 19:00, saw it, as did colleagues in Germany and Switzerland. Parts of Sweden had an overcast, which became obvious when the reports were analysed. To many it remained a mystery, though. The strange phenomenon has now, finally, been given an explanation.

It was shortly before 7 p.m. on a dark October evening. The apartment of *Diana Berglöf* was buzzing with questions and speculations. Almost ninety people had come together in the apartment on Eriksbergsgatan 14, Stockholm; they had gathered to listen to one of the most famous contactees of the time, American Major *Wayne Aho*.

Suddenly someone yells from the balcony. From the fourth floor the view to the north and west is pristine. Something unknown can be seen, cruising across the sky.

- People flocked on the balcony, *Ernst Linder* says. I remember being afraid that it wouldn't be able to support them all.

Linder was at the time president in *the Ifological Association* (a contactee oriented Stockholm UFO group), and present at the scene.

What they saw made everybody catch their breath.

- Everyone ran outside, except Aho, who didn't even bother looking. "*This happens all the time along my route*", he said. Seen crossing the sky was something that resembled a train with its compartment windows lighted up.

The event was no surprise, even to *Sten Lindgren*, Sweden's most famous UFO contactee, who was also present in the apartment that night. In his book "*Dialog med kosmisk kultur*" (eng. "Dialogue with cosmic culture"), Lindgren tells the story of how another contactee, this one being anonymous, had been told in advance of how *The Cosmic Brotherhood* was to exercise a large-scale test over Sweden at 7 p.m., October 29th. The test was to be a grand overflight, and Lindgren estimated the altitude of the "beamships" to be approximately 200 meters above sea level.

Not only dedicated believers watched the strange train, however, as it moved across the sky. Large parts of southern Sweden had bright weather or scattered clouds, while northern Sweden was completely clouded. Several pilots sighted it, among others the crews of planes on their way to Oslo from Gothenburg, from Stockholm to Malmö, as well as a mechanic on a SAS flight from Luleå to Stockholm.

Photo of the "train"

One person, only, managed to document the event for the afterworld.

The location is Villagatan in downtown Södertälje. I'm standing outside number 27 in the company of *Erik Ehnmark*, looking west-southwest. This is where the strange light appeared at seven p.m. almost on the dot, Friday October 29, 1965.

- I was standing out here in the street, on my way to a meeting with the photo club. I had my *Leica* camera hanging around my neck, when I suddenly discovered a white light coming from the south and heading north. It moved fairly slow, and I initially managed to snap a few pictures that didn't turn out at all. However, I then leaned against a lamppost and let the object pass above me. That turned out to be a great tactic.

- It disappeared behind the houses, only to suddenly reappear. I thought it looked like a whole bunch of objects, like a coherent group, that slowly passed across the sky. On the last

picture you can see how it disappears away from me, how it gets a steeper angle and shorter tail. I guess I watched it for a total of twenty seconds or a little longer.

The next day *Ehnmark* called *Dagens Nyheter* and told of his photograph. He was received with great enthusiasm. The pictures were published on the cover page of the Sunday edition under the headline: "*Great optical illusion tricked spectators to celestial phenomenon*".

The days following the event, the newspapers were filled with colourful descriptions. Most famous of them all is the one by *Olof Lagercrantz*, editor-in-chief of *Dagens Nyheter*. Under the headline "*Thought it to be dreamlike*", he described how he, a few minutes to seven p.m., on *Karlbergsvägen*, Stockholm, saw something he initially thought to be a rocket, but later changed his mind to "*a giant airplane*":

"It then passed the northern side of Karlbergsvägen and now it more resembled a train with its windows lit. The outlines were very sharp."

Sources tell of others who managed to document the event, such as *Göte Åsberg* in *Borlänge*, who observed it from inside his car on his way to his summer house in *Torsång*. According to an article in *Dala-Demokraten* Åsberg managed to get hold of his camera and document the event, but today the film is lost. When I, a few years ago, contacted the deceased's family, I was told the photo had been thrown away.

Headlines such as "*An armada of jets*", "*Invasion from Mars yesterday?*" and "*Crashing satellite?*" show how the questions outnumbered the answers. The phenomenon was also visible from the Norwegian town of *Lillehammer*. That the glowing object finally started to fall apart in smaller and smaller pieces is confirmed by reports from further up the east coast of Sweden. In *Söderhamn* a witness saw how seven glowing pieces exploded into even smaller parts, and from the Baltic island of *Öland* an air-traffic controller reported glowing pieces had passed at 7:01 pm and disappeared in the north-east.

The entire trip over Sweden lasted four minutes, from 6:58 to 19:02 p.m., and the object moved at a very high altitude. It wasn't a mere 200 metres, nor was it a group of "beamships".

The answer to the riddle can be found in *Special Report #214* published by *Smithsonian*

Institution Astrophysical Observatory on 10 June, 1966. The *Scandinavian UFO Information* (SUFOI) of Copenhagen recently donated a copy of this report to Archives for UFO Research.

The 38 page long report dealt with one single issue: How satellite 1965-79A entered the Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated over northern Europe. The date: 29 October, 1965. Time: 7:00 p.m.

The "glowing train" sighted over Sweden on October 29, was a crashing American spy satellite. Known as 1965-79A, the satellite, weighing 1500 kilos, was launched from an American base on October 5. It's trajectory, which made it pass the former Soviet Union, together with its short lifespan, indicates that it was, most likely, a spy satellite which on an altitude of 203 kilometres was to photograph Soviet military installations.

Due to reasons missing from the documents, a group of west-European scientists were warned and prepared to follow the last minutes of the crashing satellite. A network of observers was arranged along its course, which went from Switzerland across Germany and into Denmark.

There was no pre-informed Swedish observer. The first glimpse of the dying satellite was registered over *Zurich, Switzerland*, where it could be seen as a sharply glowing ball, with no tail, for half a minute. Its speed was so great that it proved impossible to capture it with a theodolite, the observer writes.

A fraction of a second later 1965-79A appears over *Rodewisch, Germany*, close to the border of the Czech Republic. The time is then 5:55 p.m. universal time or 6:55 p.m. Swedish time. "The object could be seen with the naked eye almost all the way to the northern horizon where it disappeared in haze", professor *E. Penzel* writes in the report.

Thirty seconds later, around 6:57 p.m. Swedish time, the satellite passed *Berlin* where it was observed for about one minute, glowing considerably stronger than Venus and having a tail reaching longer than twenty degrees. Its height was then around 91 kilometres.

At 7:00 p.m. it passes *Copenhagen*, and several independent observers watch as it falls into at least ten separate pieces and is consumed in fire. 1965-79A is now on an altitude of 82 kilometres over sea level and heading straight towards Sweden.

The deeper into the Earth's atmosphere the satellite reaches, the more its speed is reduced. The satellite has now been seen travelling almost 1000 kilometres. "*Everyone states how it was a very spectacular sight*", the report says laconically.

During the four minutes when the satellite is entering, passing, and leaving Swedish airspace its altitude decreases from 79 kilometres to barely 20 kilometres. After that, it practically drops down vertically. According to the report, possible parts of the satellite fell into the *Gulf of Bothnia*, somewhere west of *Vasa*, Finland.

The data is confirmed by a list of launched and crashed rockets and satellites published by the *TRW Space & Electronics group*. According to the list, a satellite known as 1965-79A weighing 1.5 tons, burned up in the Earth's atmosphere on 29 October, 1965. Its trajectory was 75.1 degrees towards the equator with gave it a south-west-to-north-easterly course, which is exactly what the Swedish and foreign observers described. A 40 years old enigma has finally got its solution.

Sources: Phone interview with *Ernst Linder*, September 21, 2004; *Sten Lindgren*: "Dialog med kosmisk kultur" (Regnbågsförlaget 1997), pp.24-26; "Var himlafenomenet i oktober ett ymdskepp från en främmande värld?", *Sökaren* 1/66; p.4; Information from the National Weather Bureau; GHT October 30, 1965; Svenska Dagbladet October 30, 1965; p.6; Dagens Nyheter October 30, 1965; p.8; Taped interview with *Erik Ehnmark* on the site of where he took his photographs, August 25, 2000; Dagens Nyheter October 30, 1965; p.10; Dala-Demokraten October 30, 1965; p.11; Aftenposten November 1, 1965; p.12; Telegram from the Swedish Central News Agency published in *Borås Tidning* October 30, 1965; p.14; William P. Hirst: "The decay of satellite 1965-79A" (Smithsonian Institute June 10 1966); TRW Space Log 1996, p.94.

Book reviews

Debunked! ESP, telekinesis, and other pseudosciences. Georges Charpak & Henri Broch. The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Georges Charpak, the 1992 Nobel Prize winner in physics, and *Henri Broch*, winner of the Distinguished Skeptic Award from The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), have together written a book about the art of being a skeptic.

It is not the first book in the genre, but it's a quite pleasant read, even though it's not by far the best book ever written about the specific topic. Objectively, thoroughly (and once in a while quite funny), the authors discuss different topics and phenomena that, for the believers, are truly paranormal, but to the skeptic are nothing but lies, illusions, fakes, or simply very normal

matters. Through a messed up media such stories are given the impression of being more remarkable than they really are.

The authors willingly admit that they, despite their great knowledge and long experience, do not have all the answers. But, they are indeed hardcore skeptics and rationally explain things such as astrology, telepathy, spoon bending, levitation, et cetera.

Which is all nice and dandy, but, something is still wrong with the book. Once in a while it's just plain boring with endless mathematical formulas and calculations, and certain topics are thoroughly described while others are, more or less, just mentioned briefly. The largest problem is, however, how the authors completely forget one factor: namely the human.

Many people who rely, for instance, on astrology, live a perfectly happy life doing so. But the authors appear to be completely ignorant to that. Instead, they mercilessly ridicule every single one who believes in matters that established science cannot, or will not, rationally explain.

At the end they start writing about terrible nightmare scenarios which are certain to happen if more and more people start believing in irrational and unscientific ideas. The end of the world is near (the authors seem to think), unless mankind starts acting like devoted skeptics, and the only religion worth believing is *Science*.

This more or less *fanatical* propaganda for critical thinking and the excellence of science destroys what could instead have been a great book.

Stefan Isaksson

Dreamland: A novel of the UFO cover-up. Hilary Hemingway & Jeffry P. Lindsay. Tom Doherty Associates Book.

MJ-12, Roswell, alien abductions, missing time, hypnotic therapy, extraterrestrial/human hybrids, captured aliens, conspiracies to the left and to the right; all this and more can be found in "Dreamland", written by Ernest Hemingway's niece and her husband, and published in 1995.

The heritage from *Hemingway* is very apparent from the first to the last page, even though Hilary and her husband never are even close to Ernest's literary achievements. The sentences are often short, descriptions of the environment are few and insufficient. More than once the text feels extremely unrealistic when the most spectacular

events imaginable are met with not much more than a shrug of the shoulders from the main characters.

Writing fiction about the supernatural and the paranormal is a difficult art to master, and Hemingway and Lindsay fail miserably from page one. Any reader with basic knowledge in UFO history will recognize much from the story. The excitement is therefore somewhat killed, since it's often not very hard to figure out what will happen next. At the end the story is twisted quite interestingly, however, which doesn't take away the fact that the rest of the story has been extremely dull.

But this is, again, if the reader has previous knowledge of UFO history. For the "normal" reader, who has never heard of things taken for granted by skeptical ufologists, the book is sure to offer several interesting moments.

Hemingway & Lindsay have used more or less everything offered by less sceptical ufologists and added a story about a man and his wife who are caught in the line of fire between the American military and peaceful extra-terrestrials.

The main problem with the book is that it just feels *uninspired*. The sections about alien abductions feel as if they were taken right out of any of Budd Hopkins' books. The argumentation regarding the Roswell incident is just plainly awful. Credibility is reduced, and thus the entire reading experience is ruined. This is too bad, because a skilled author is very likely to have been able to make something good out of the whole mess.

Stefan Isaksson

Exopolitics – Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence. Michael E. Salla. Dandelion Books.

Right from the start, *Salla* makes sure the reader knows what the deal is: the universe is filled with numerous extraterrestrial life forms, many of whom have visited and are still visiting Earth. More or less every single politician and anyone in power (at least in the U.S.) are aware of this. All major political decisions taken since the end of WWII have been directly, or indirectly, the result of the extraterrestrial presence on Earth.

This is a strange book. Salla claims to have both a PhD and a Master's Degree and to have held great positions at American universities, still the book is an amazing example of how to write something that is the completely opposite

to anything remotely close to scholarly, objective, critical, and interesting. Salla is never critical of any source, whatsoever. He doesn't hesitate to use bizarre Internet postings as reliable evidence.

There is no stopping Salla in his exploration of the "truth". If indeed everything he describes and claims to be the truth really **is** the truth, then the history of the entire 20th century, indeed the history of mankind, must be rewritten.

"Normal" conspiracy theories such as The Philadelphia Experiment and MJ-12 are, obviously, taken for granted, but also ancient astronauts and mysterious reptilian humanoids living under the surface of the Earth. Everything we think we know of as a hoax, a lie, is a cover constructed by different "secret governments" around the world in an attempt to keep the greater masses ignorant of the extra-terrestrial existence.

Even the most bizarre of bizarre ideas are very possible to Salla. For instance: in the final days of World War II, the German elite, helped by extraterrestrials, fled to the Antarctic. Living there in underground bases; the Cold War was a scam that really was all about which super power could gain the most knowledge from the extraterrestrials.

The rearmament programme during the Reagan era was initiated in order to build up a defence system against evil extraterrestrials; all sorts of non-Earthlings have infiltrated mankind's many institutions. The on-going war in Iraq is really about finding ancient extraterrestrial technology buried in the sand since the days of the Sumerians.

Salla uses such questionable sources as *Philip Corso*, *William Cooper*, and *David Icke*, and the before-mentioned Internet postings. True, he sometimes admits the sources might be doubtful, but at the same time insists that a channelled message from an extraterrestrial, or an alleged alien abduction, constitute perfect evidence.

Still, even the worst of books can be funny to read sometimes. In this book this is truly the case, and from time to time it is really quite entertaining to read the, *to say the least*, bizarre "explanations" to everything that has happened in the modern era.

The Skeptic will be even more skeptic, and the Believer will believe ever more passionately when the book is done. When Salla, at the end,

says that the extraterrestrials haven't shown themselves publicly yet since mankind is not "ready", it all feels like any other New Age book. One is told one has to increase ones "spirituality" in order to attract those mysterious beings the politicians are all too aware about.

Stefan Isaksson

Recent and upcoming books

- "Books that would find a home in the AFU library"

Miguel Alcibar Cuello: Controversias tecnocientíficas y medios de comunicación: el caso de la clonación humana y los raelianos en El País. 2004, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain. (Doctoral thesis on the Raelian movement at the faculty for Communication).

Americo Albarran Melgarejo: El medio geográfico de Las Salinas, las múltiples propiedades medicinales y estéticas de sus lagunas y la creencia popular en la vista de los OVNI. 2003, Lima, Peru, 225 pages, ISBN unknown.

Neil Badmington: Alien chic: posthumanism and the other within. Nov 2004, Routledge, USA, softcover, 203 pages, ISBN 0415310237. ("...sets out to provide a cultural history of the alien since the 1950s, asking why our attitudes to aliens have changed from fear to affection...")

Robert E. Bartholomew & Hilary Evans: Panic attacks. Media manipulation and mass delusion. 2004, Sutton Publishing, UK, hardcover, 222 pages, ISBN 0-7509-3785-8. (Chapters on the Halley comet, the Orson Welles radio show and other 'media monsters'. A copy has been donated to AFU by Hilary Evans).

Gary Bates: Alien intrusion: UFOs and the evolution connection. Expected Febr 2005, Master Books, USA, softcover, 424 pages, ISBN 0890514356. (Yet another Christian (and Australian) creationist's view of all the strange 'demonic' phenomena we record at this time of the End...?).

Greg Bishop: Project Beta: the story of Paul Bennewitz, national security, and the creation of a modern UFO myth. Expected Febr. 2005, Paraview Pocket Books, paperback, 288 pages, ISBN 0743470923.

Björn Borg: Tähtitieteilijät ja ufot. 2004. UFO-Finland, Jyväskylä, Finland, softcover, 271 pages, ISBN 951-98374-3-4. (Details on <http://www.ufofinland.org/>. Click on "Kirjat" (Books)).

Peter Bros: Let's talk flying saucers. How crackpot ideas are blinding us to reality and leading us to extinction. Nov 2003, FBP, USA, softcover, 293 pages, ISBN 1930091001.

Larry W. Bryant: UFO politics at the White House: citizens rally 'round Jimmy Carter's promise. Nov 2004, Galde Press, USA, softcover, ISBN 1931942226. (AFU got a copy of this. Nothing more substantial than letters from the public, criticizing Jimmy Carter for not standing up to his public promise of letting the UFO secrets out).

Ricardo Campo Pérez: Luces en los cielos. Todo lo que siempre quiso saber sobre los ovnis. 2003, Editorial Bencho, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, 231 pages, ISBN 84-95657-97-8. Foreword by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos.

Bruno Cardenosa: La invasión OVNI. La evidencia que los gobiernos oculta. June 2004, Nowtilus, Madrid, Spain, hardcover, 355 pages, ISBN 8497630106.

Ángel Carretero Olmedo: Humanoides en Conil. Estudio sobre un caso polémico. Nov. 2004, Biblioteca Camille Flammarion, Fundación Anomalia, Santander, Spain. (Investigation of a Spanish humanoid case similar to the Russian Voronesh case of 1989).

Bill Chalker: Hair of the alien. DNA and other forensic evidence for alien abductions. Expected July 2005, Paraview Pocket Books, USA, paperback, 192 pages, ISBN 0743492862.

Dwight Connelly (editor): The world's best UFO cases. 2004, privately published, softcover, 240 pages, no ISBN known. (Editor of MUFON UFO Journal has collected some of the best UFO reports from the magazine).

William R. Corliss: Science frontier II: more anomalies and curiosities of nature. 2004, The Sourcebook Project, Glen Arm, Maryland, large softcover, 338 pages, ISBN unknown. (Not yet announced on the Project's own website, nor on Amazon.com, but available from Arcturus Book Service).

Wyatt Cox: UFO and Bigfoot sightings in Alabama: a listing and examination of selected sightings. Febr 2004, Booklocker, softcover, 132 pages, ISBN 1591134706.

David J. Daegling: Bigfoot exposed. An anthropologist examines America's enduring legend. 2005, Rowman & Littlefield, USA, hardcover, 276 pages, hardcover, ISBN 0759105383. (72 USD asked for this hardcover! - paperback to follow in Jan. 2005 at about USD 25 - we say that's the normal price of a hardcover!)

Preston Dennett: UFOs over California: a true history of extraterrestrial encounters in The Golden State. Dec 2004, Schiffer Publ, USA, softcover, 224 pages, ISBN 0764321498.

Edamex: OVNI's: secretos que matan. April 2004, Edamex, Editores Asociados Mexicanos. Mexico, hardcover, ISBN 9684099215. ("UFOs: secrets that kill")

Joaquim Fernandez: O imaginário na cultura portuguesa. Do fim da Modernidade até meados do século XIX. 2004, Universidade do Porto, Portugal. (Doctoral thesis in History).

Frank Feschino: The Braxton County Monster: The cover-up of the Flatwoods monster revealed. 2004, Quarrier Press, Charleston, West Virginia, 350 pages, hardcover. (14 years of investigation into the Flatwoods, West Virginia monster saga, including U.S. Air Force involvement and a purported UFO crash on the same day. More info on: www.flatwoodsmonster.com)

Raymond E. Fowler: SynchroFile: amazing personal encounters with synchronicity and other strange phenomena. May 2004, iUniverse, USA, softcover, 282 pages, ISBN 0595315895. (... "compiles the results of research into Jungian psychology, the New Physics and study of a ten-year diary of personal and family experiences..." - www.nicap.org/ray.htm)

Margaret-Ellen Fry: Who are they? Oct 2004, the author, available from P O Box 197, Rhyl LL18 1AA, North Wales, UK, GBP 14.00 plus p & p.

Thierry Gaulin: Le phénomène OVNI du temps présent aux temps passés. 2004, Editions Lacour, 180 pages, ISBN unknown.

Merry Eleanor George: The social myth as structural rhetoric: A model for analyzing the rhetorical texts of the Heaven's Gate cult. 2003, University of Southern Mississippi, USA, 180 pages. (PdD thesis).

Joseph Glapa: New ideas about the birth, the life and the death of a planet, and of a satellite... The gravitational engine. 2004, the author, France, 42 pages, downloadable in from: <http://nouvelle-astronomie.chez.tiscali.fr/>

Michael Godhe: Morgondagens experter. 2003, Carlssons, Stockholm, Sweden, softcover, 283 pages, ISBN 91-7203-550-1. (Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Linköping that centers on science fiction and touches on UFO contactee groups of the 1950s).

Ed Gorman: UFO files. July 2004, I Books/ Marvel, USA, paperback, 320 pages, ISBN 0743487427. (Once again, seemingly, the UFO subject kidnapped by a gang of simple SF authors...)

Peter Guttilla: Contact with beings of light. The amazing true story of Dorothy Wilkinson-Izatt. May 2003, Timeless Voyager Press, USA, softcover, 152 pages, ISBN 1892264137. (Contactee story with films)

Richard H. Hall: Alien invasion or human fantasy? The 1966-67 UFO wave. June 2004, Fund for UFO Research, Mt Rainier, Maryland, softcover, 152 pages, no known ISBN. (can be ordered through www.fufor.com).

Olav Hammer: På spaning efter helheten. New Age – en ny folketro? 2004, Wahlström & Widstrand, Stockholm, hardcover, 389 pages, ISBN 91-46-20335-4. (Includes a chapter on UFO religions, expanded edition of a book from 1997)

Kim Möller Hansen: UFO-vision nr. 8. March 2003, SUFOI, Copenhagen, booklet, 56 pages, ISBN 87-87628-84-8. (A welcome back to this Danish yearbook, last published in 1999).

Brian Hicks: Ghost ship. The mysterious true story of the Mary Celeste and her missing crew. June 2004, Ballantine, harcover, 304 pages, ISBN 0-345-46391-9. (Paperback edition to be published in June 2005).

Christopher Humpries: UFOs, PSI, and spiritual evolution: a journey through the evolution of interstellar. Expected April 2005 from unknown publisher, 274 pages, ISBN 193188238X. (Vague notes on this title authored by a Ph.D.)

Bert Janssen: Hypnotizing crop circle shapes. Oct 2004, Adventures Unlimited, softcover, 128 pages, ISBN 1931882347. ("...an illustrated, magical journey through the miracles of crop circle geometry...")

Anna Karyl: The Kelly incident. Aug 2004, Gate Way Publishers, USA, softcover, 192 pages, ISBN 0975264524. (Fiction and love story that starts out with the 1955 Kelly humanoid encounter)

J. Douglas Kenyon: Forbidden history: Extraterrestrial intervention, prehistoric technologies, and the suppressed origins of civilization. Expected May 2005, Bear & Co, USA, softcover, 352 pages, ISBN 1591430453.

Mark Kimmel: Decimal. August 2004, Paradigm Books, USA, softcover, 329 pages, ISBN 0972015116. (Seems to be more of a SF novel with at least 20 references to UFOs in the text; "based on first-hand experiences").

Tapani Koivula & Marko Repo: UFOrapportti 11. Ufotutkimuksen vuosikirja 2004. 2004, Suomen Ufotutkijat (UFO Research of Finland), softcover, 224

pages, ISBN unknown. (The traditional Finnish yearbook with all sightings from 2003 and a lot of other materials).

Natalie Kuczera: Unheimliche Begegnungen. Entführungserlebnisse und Trancekult in der UFO-Szene. 2004, Studien zur Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie des Euromediterranen Raumes, Münster, 213 pages, ISBN 3-8258-6974-1.

Phoebe Lauren: Star children among us. July 2004, Garev Publishing, USA, softcover, 142 pages, ISBN 0970755821. ("...helps parents to identify their special child...")

Richard Leviton: Signs on the earth: Deciphering the message of Virgin Mary, apparitions, UFO encounters and crop circles. Expected June 2005, Hampton Roads Publishing, softcover, 240 pages, ISBN 1571742468.

(Lingua Forum): World Internet UFO directory: a new A-Z guide to the UFO phenomenon and Internet resources. Expected April 2005, Lingua Forum, 274 pages, ISBN 8955630573. (Well, another one of those with 2.002 entries from the US and 101 from the remaining part of "the world"?)

Helen Littrell & Jean Bilodeaux: Raechel's eyes. Volume One: The strange but true case of an apparent alien-human hybrid. Nov. 2004, Granite Publishing, USA, softcover, 208 pages, ISBN 1930724039. (Author's blind daughter shares a room with an alien hybrid - and is cured from blindness, volume 1 is the "readable" part, volume 2 will be "the documentation").

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